

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, November 16, 2010

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Dave Buck	Vicki Burch	David Christian
	John Cox	David Downey	Carrie Ehresman
	Jim Knapp	Chris Leroux	Kathleen Mills
	Karen O'Farrell	Larry Preo	Larry Wood
	Boudewijn van Gelder		

VISITORS:	Chip Blatchley	Liqin Ching	Beth Cook
	Michelle Debord	Jessica Garvert	Andrew Hirsch
	Thomas Moffett	Noah Mueler	Jan Myers
	Jim Pence	Chris Yeomans	

Professor Van Gelder brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Mr. Preo made a motion to approve the September minutes and Ms. Burch seconded. The September minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizen Comment:

Ms. Myers asked when the new curbs will be painted yellow in appropriate places between Robinson and Salisbury. She stated she understands that the Traffic Commission members have decided not to have it painted. Professor Van Gelder responded that he does not recall ever discussing this and Mr. Buck agreed. Mr. Buck said the curbs are painted when warranted. They have not been made aware of any issues or accidents. Mr. Buck asked Capt. Leroux if he knew of any accidents and Capt. Leroux said that he did not. Mr. Buck said that should there be any problems they will conduct a study to see if painting the curb would be warranted. Professor Van Gelder stated that the issue will be reviewed and asked Mr. Buck to provide more information in two months when the Traffic Commission meets again.

10-07 US52 Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge:

Mr. Blatchley provided a presentation regarding the need for and benefits of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Sagamore Parkway. Mr. Blatchley stated he does not feel there is any safe route by bicycle or on foot to cross Sagamore Parkway. He is suggesting the pedestrian/bicycle bridge be built beginning north of the old Kmart lot across Sagamore Parkway and end along the east side of the old Kmart lot.

Ms. Burch agrees that this would be good, but had questions regarding funding and what the anticipated cost might be? Mr. Blatchley said his guess would be one to two million dollars to build this structure and he does not know how the project could be funded. He said most likely the City would be

responsible for the cost along with pursuing grants. Possibly a committee could be formed to identify sources. Professor Van Gelder asked if we could look into this being added to the US52 Corridor Study. Mr. Buck stated that we will look into getting this added to the Corridor Study. Mr. Buck stated that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project showed a similar concept and location for providing a safer crossing of US52. Mr. Buck also stated that INDOT owns the road and ultimately it would need approval by INDOT.

Professor Van Gelder asked Mr. Buck if it were possible to do a feasibility study by the Engineering Department to see if a need for a committee of bicycle/pedestrians would be beneficial. Mr. Buck stated they could put together a list of potential funding sources, then get together to form a committee if feasible.

Ms. Ehresman wanted to clarify that this project will primarily benefit home owners, wanted to make sure that the local businesses will not be taxed to fund a project like this.

10-08 3rd Street Tunnel Top Replacement

Jim Pence from The Schneider Corporation gave an explanation of how the 3rd Street Tunnel Top Replacement Project would affect traffic during construction. This project is scheduled to start mid January and will be completed by June 21, 2011. The detour has been approved by the City and the University. Purdue Police will work with WLPD to see who and how parking will be monitored. Chief Cox said the parking garage exit on the northwest corner will have to exit to the south from the garage. This will be a huge inconvenience, especially between 4-5 pm, so they may need to have police officers present in the beginning to help control traffic.

Capt. Leroux asked how this project will affect pedestrian traffic. Mr. Knapp responded that this project will go from curb to curb and have no impact on the sidewalks. Federal funds to approve infrastructure and sidewalk projects will follow ADA standards. Construction workers will work on one side of the road at a time. Chief Cox said they will also make sure the contractors abide by INDOT safety standards.

Mr. Knapp commented that the federal funding money used for this project has to be spent before June. This is the reason this project is going to be started before school is out. Mr. Knapp said when they have a definite start date for the project they will present it to the Traffic Commission members.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. M. Buck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer
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